



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

Event Name	21-0015 Severe Weather 06JUL
Date	July 10, 2021
Time	0900
Operational Period	July 09, 2021- July 10, 2021
Report Number	3

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2, 3 & 6
DDCs Active	DDC 21

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Governor Abbott readied state resources as heavy rain, flash flooding, and river flooding threaten South Texas and the Coastal Bend over the next few days. A high risk of flash flooding was expected along the Texas Coastal Bend Wednesday and Thursday, and river flooding is likely to occur in the Coastal Bend and portions of South Texas Thursday.

On July 7 at 9AM, the below listed state agencies were requested to identify available state resources to support flash flooding/ flood response operations if needed:

- Texas A&M Forest Service: Saw Crews
- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Texas A&M Task Force One and Texas Task Force Two): Boat Squads and Urban Search and Rescue Packages
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Texas Game Warden Boat Teams
- Texas Department of State Health Services: Texas Emergency Medical Task Force Severe Weather Packages
- Texas Department of Public Safety: Helicopters with hoist capability
- Texas Military Department: Ground Transportation Packages with High Profile Vehicles
- Texas Department of Transportation: High Profile Vehicles with operators; Road Condition status via DriveTexas.org
- Public Utility Commission of Texas: Power outage monitoring/coordination with utility providers in the threat areas

On July 7 at 12PM, due to the forecast for the next several days for flash and riverine flooding that will affect portions of the state, TDEM requested the below resources be activated as indicated:

- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Texas A&M Task Force One): 8 Swift Water Rescue Boat Squads (8 boats) (2 squads Rio Grande Valley, 2 Squads Corpus Christi, 2 Squads Victoria, 2 Squads Brazoria Co; 2 Water Managers)
- Texas Parks and Wildfire Department: Game Warden Boat Teams

Weather:

West Gulf River Forecast Center (WGRFC): Storm total rainfall amounts are approaching 20 inches in places, but the focus for locally heavy rainfall is shifting north and will diminish over the next 24 to 36 hours.

Significant flooding is expected/occurring along the coastal basins...and it will take some time for the flatter areas of the coastal plains to drain once the rain ends. Expect the larger rivers systems to remain above flood stage well into next week.

By the weekend, the threat for the coast ends, and forecasters will look north toward a boundary that will sag into North and Northeast Texas. Let us get through the next 24-36 hours first...

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

TX-TF1 Boat Teams have tied in with Rockport Police Department and Aransas County Sheriff's Office.

The Mission River is still of concern in Refugio County. Flood levels at or above 30' will trigger evacuations.

Nueces County: Judge Canales has submitted a disaster declaration. River and Creeks have reached major flood stage levels but not to the point of triggering evacuations. Crews are currently doing damage assessments. No reports of structures with major damage.

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties)

DC-21 Weslaco is currently monitoring and maintaining situational awareness with local jurisdictions and the National Weather Service Brownsville on the severe weather forecast impacting the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

13 roads are reported closed due to water over the roadway:

- FM 2556 and Arroyo La Feria
- SH 107 and FM 2556 Santa Rosa
- Levee Road North of FM 506 Santa Rosa
- FM 506 and SH 107 Santa Rosa
- SH 107 and Palmetto Road Santa Rosa
- Dillworth and Arroyo Bridge Harlingen
- Stafor and FM 1474 Brownsville
- Central Ave. and International Blvd. Brownsville
- FM 2893 and Kendall Ln. Laureles
- FM 2893 and Diane/Denise Roads Laureles
- FM 510 and Calle Esquina Los Frenos
- FM 1848 and Huie Road. San Benito
- Rabb Road and Solis Road La Feria

Cameron County: City of Brownsville Fire Department assisted in flood water rescues/evacuations: three (3) stranded motorist within the US I-69E frontage roads and five (5) essential workers in reaching their destination at Valley Regional Medical Center.

Cameron County Public Works have staged pumps at several locations throughout the county in response to the flooding in poor drainage areas. One gator pump is currently in operation at Mariposa Ranch in La Feria, and additional pumps have been positioned at the levee on Ballenger at Cantu and Parker since Tuesday, July 6. The La Feria Irrigation District has two stationary pumps positioned at Palis Drive which have been operational since 4:00PM on Tuesday, July 6. Currently, 14 water evacuation pumping operations occurring throughout the county. Cameron County submitted a Disaster Declaration in response to this weather event.

Hidalgo County: Precincts 1,2,3, 4 and Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 have staged pumps and are operational at several locations throughout the county in response to the flooding in poor drainage areas.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): The State of Texas SOC remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response

Conditions, with Daily Operations staff actively monitoring and reporting on the current situation. The SOC continues processing disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), preparing Snapshot(s) and the State SITREP(s). The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the Remote SOC, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM Assistant Chiefs and District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners to assist with unmet needs and resources.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas A&M Task Force One (TX-TF1): The Water Rescue Squads staged overnight in regions 2, 3 and 6 (El Campo, Rockport, Corpus Christi, Three Rivers, and Kingsville) where the heaviest rainfall was occurring. The squads maintained their mission to help the local authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs) when they assisted Rockport PD, assisted a rollover accident involving a correctional facility bus in Victoria County and delivered insulin to a person sheltered in place in San Patricio County.

There were no overnight requests for service and no unmet needs and TX-TF1 resources continue to monitor the weather and keep in contact with the local AHJ.

Date	Location	Assist	Evacuation	Shelter-in-Place	HR Removed
07/08/2021	Nueces County	1	1		
07/08/2021	San Patricio County			1	
07/08/2021	Victoria County	1			
07/08/2021	Aransas County	1			
	Total	3	1	1	1

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS has three (3) short IMTs and three (3) Saw Teams pre-identified for this response, if needed.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): The EMTF has increased its readiness posture to standby in EMTF Regions 6, 8 & 11 due to the flooding threat along the coast in south and southeast Texas.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): High Profile Vehicles with operators; Road Condition status via DriveTexas.org

Texas Department of Public Safety: Helicopters with hoist capability

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has four (4) SAR boat teams ready to respond as needed. In addition to the TPWD SAR teams, all area TPWD field Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers have been made aware of the potential for flash flooding and are ready to respond as needed with additional personnel and boat squads.

Public Utility Commission of Texas: Power outage monitoring/coordination with utility providers in the threat areas

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TX A&M TX-TF1	Over Head Team	6	0	Assigned	College Station
TX A&M TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	1	0	Assigned	El Campo
TX A&M TX-TF1	Support Specialist	1	0	Assigned	El Campo
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-Longview 1	5	4	Assigned	El Campo
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-Killeen 1	6	2	Assigned	El Campo
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-Austin 1	6	2	Assigned	Bay City
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-STRAC 1	6	2	Assigned	Bay City
TX A&M TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	1	0	Assigned	Rockport
TX A&M TX-TF1	Support Specialist	1	0	Assigned	Rockport
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-Washington 1	6	2	Assigned	Rockport
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-Dallas	6	2	Assigned	Rockport
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-San Antonio 1	6	2	Assigned	Victoria
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-McAllen 1	6	2	Assigned	Victoria
EMTF	SWX PKGs (1 Task Force Leader, 1 MIST, 1 AMBUS, 1 AST)			Standby	EMTF 6, 8 & 11
TPWD	SAR Boat Teams		4	Activated	Statewide

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions)
Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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